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1. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS DRASTICALLY REVISED ITS ESTIMATE OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND. AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, IT REPORTS THERE WERE 14,944 CAMBODIANS IN COUNTRY, QUITE A JUMP FROM ITS FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 9,000 A MONTH AGO AND OUR OWN ESTIMATE OF 10,500 A WEEK AGO (REF).

2. AS FOR NEW ARRIVALS WITHIN THE PAST WEEK, WE ARE AWARE OF ONLY ONE GROUP OF 85 PEOPLE WHO CAME TO ARANYAPRATHET SEPTEMBER 14. COMING FROM THE BATTAMBANG AREA, THEY REPORTED A NEW SURGE OF KILLINGS OF ANYONE WITH EDUCATION, OF PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE SICK FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS IN A ROW, OF PEOPLE WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT THE HARD WORK. THEY SAID THAT RICE WAS IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY, LOOKING THINNER GENERALLY THAN MANY NEW ARRIVALS HAVE IN THE PAST.
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